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C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 2697

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG AORG UNRWA XF

SUBJ: UNRWA WORKING GROUP MEETING, MAY 11

REF: USUN 1915

BRITISH EMBASSY COUNSELOR STEPHEN DAY AND EMBOFF
COMPARED NOTES ON RESPECTIVE REPORTS OF MAY 11 UNRWA
WORKING GROUP MEETING. DAY MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

--FCO DID NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE THAT SECURITY
SITUATION WARRANTED MOVE BY UNRWA REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS
FROM BEIRUT. HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL HAD ENCOUNTERED NO
MORE PROBLEMS THAN EMBASSIES OR OTHER U.N. AGENCIES IN
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--IF UNRWA HEADQUARTERS WERE TO MOVE, IT WAS VERY
IMPORTANT THAT IT REMAIN IN REGION. IF HEADQUARTERS WERE
TO GO TO VIENNA, IT WOULD LOSE TOUCH WITH SITUATION ON
THE GROUND. MOREOVER, IMAGE WAS LESS THAN
APPEALING--HEADQUARTERS BUREAUCRATS SITTING COMFORTABLY
IN VIENNA WHILE THEIR FIELD OFFICES WORKED IN MIDDLE EAST.

--BEFORE HEADQUARTERS MOVED ANYWHERE, UNRWA SHOULD
MAKE A DETAILED PRESENTATION OF THE RELATIVE COSTS OF
RELOCATING AND MAINTAINING OPERATIONS IN POSSIBLE NEW
LOCATIONS.

--UNRWA SHOULD NOT HAVE MADE DECISION TO MOVE
WITHOUT CONSULTING BEFOREHAND WITH CONCERNED PARTIES AND
SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEM NOW.

--MOVE WAS UNLIKELY TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL
CONSEQUENCES IN LEBANON OR TO AFFECT WILLINGNESS OF ARAB
STATES OR OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS TO GIVE MONEY TO UNRWA.
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